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1. Total expenses of the Sentral Organisasi Buruh Republik Indonesia (SOBSI) conference which was held in Surabaya in July, were estimated to be R 20,000. Members of SOBSI-affiliated unions were assessed R .25 each to meet the expenses of the conference.
2. The expenses of the farmers' conference held in Surabaya, beginning on 15 July, are estimated to be R 90,000.¹ By the end of June, only R 28,000 had been collected from the members of participating organizations to meet expenses. The Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) in East Java, therefore, assessed all its members nominal amounts to make up the large sum still needed to cover the expenses of the conference.

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1. Comment. The main purpose of the conference is to effect a merger between the Barisan Tani Indonesia (BTI) and the Rukun Tani Indonesia (RTI), both of which are controlled by the PKI.
- Comment. In mid-October 1952 the RTI decided to merge with the BTI, according to the Times of Indonesia. Both organizations are affiliated with SOBSI.

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